



Resolution

By the Honorable Jack Scott, 21st Senatorial District;
Relative to

Arts Day in California and Arts and Humanities Month

WHEREAS, The month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the nation as well as by the White House and Congress for several years; and

WHEREAS, The nonprofit arts and culture industry strengthens California's economy by generating \$5.4 billion in economic activity, annually supporting more than 160,000 full-time jobs, and generating nearly \$300 million in local and state taxes; and

WHEREAS, The arts and culture enhance every aspect of life in California, including its economy, the education of its children, civic life, community development, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Arts education research findings suggest that the arts help close the achievement gap, especially among youth-at-risk, and improve the academic skills essential for reading and language development; and

WHEREAS, The arts promote positive social development and foster creativity and also contribute to the state's rich cultural heritage and enable communication within and across California many diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, Arts and culture funding is a critical investment in the education of California's school children and the economy of our state, and the arts are a catalyst for economic growth, cultural tourism, and downtown redevelopment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR JACK SCOTT, That he recognizes October 1, 2004, as Arts Day and October 2004 as Arts and Humanities Month, and call upon all Californians to celebrate and promote the arts and culture and to specifically encourage the greater participation of children in educational programs and activities in the arts and humanities.

Member Resolution No. 2602
Dated this 10th day of September, 2004.

Honorable Jack Scott
21st Senatorial District